

By Senator Wright

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, then known as the Embry-Riddle Flying School, was founded in 1926 by visionaries John Paul Riddle and T. Higbee Embry, and

WHEREAS, John Paul Riddle and T. Higbee Embry recognized the importance of aviation and sought to create an institution that focused on future opportunities within the field of aviation, and

WHEREAS, the Embry-Riddle Company and the Embry-Riddle Flying School were established at Lunken Field in Cincinnati, Ohio, offering flight training and aircraft sales, and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the Embry-Riddle Company was reborn as a seaplane base in Miami, where John Paul Riddle partnered with John McKay and entered into an agreement with the University of Miami to train college students to become pilots under the 1939 Civilian Pilot Training Program, and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the Embry-Riddle Flying School was renamed the Embry-Riddle School of Aviation, and under the leadership of John McKay, the school trained thousands of pilots and mechanics for the United States Army Air Corps, laying the foundation for the school's reputation as a leader in aviation education, and

WHEREAS, following the death of John McKay in 1951, his wife, Isabel McKay, served as president of the Embry-Riddle School of Aviation until 1962, when she resigned to become the chair of its board of trustees, and

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WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, United States Navy Commander Jack Hunt became the first president of what had then become the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute and moved the institute from Miami to Daytona Beach in 1965, and

WHEREAS, in 1970, the institute was granted university status, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University opened its first remote location in Fort Rucker, Alabama, providing education to military personnel and eventually leading to the establishment of campuses around the world, and

WHEREAS, in August 1978, the university opened its Prescott Campus in Prescott, Arizona, with 240 students, and its enrollment has grown to over 3,400 students today and includes the nation's only College of Business, Security, and Intelligence, and

WHEREAS, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's strong global presence was strengthened in 2011 when the university established its first campus in Singapore, positioning the university for success in the growing aviation sector of East Asia, and

WHEREAS, today, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University serves more than 32,000 students annually and offers more than 100 degree programs at every level of postsecondary education, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is congratulated on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.